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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

THIS LETTER IS A REQUEST TO PLEASE BAN THE FORCED MOLTING OF LAYING HENS. THIS IS AN INHUMANE PRACTICE, AND IS NOTHING SHORT OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS! THESE POOR ANIMALS SHOULD NOT BE MADE TO SUFFER SO SOMEONE CAN MAKE A QUICK BUCK! THE HENS ARE STARVED FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO CAUSE THE HENS TO PRODUCE MORE EGGS. THIS IS NOT ONLY CRUEL, BUT INCREASES THE OCCURRENCE OF THE SALMONELLA ENTERITIDIS.

WHY IS IT THAT ANIMALS ALWAYS SUFFER, WHEN THEY ARE INVOLVED IN ANY MONEY MAKING PROJECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER. I HOPE YOU WILL DO WHAT IS THE HUMANE, SAFE AND BEST FOR ALL CONCERNED. THANK YOU AGAIN.

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